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Dr. Shields Warren, Director  
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U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Warren:

In answer to your letter of March 29, 1949 Argonne National Laboratory is glad to accept the responsibility for the biological research program in connection with the next tests. The Laboratory has assigned this responsibility to Dr. Austin M. Brues who will be its representative.

Dr. Brues has proposed the immediate formation of a steering committee with himself as chairman, and with a suitable biologist serving as executive secretary and administrative officer for the committee. In addition some member of the Los Alamos test staff should be assigned to the steering committee to serve as liaison with the Los Alamos test staff and as logistic officer for the committee. I believe that Dr. Brues will discuss these matters with you in detail at the meetings this week in Oak Ridge.

We shall attempt to secure a suitable man to serve as executive secretary and administrative officer in the very near future, and I believe that Dr. Brues will discuss with you immediately certain possible candidates. We hope to be in the position very shortly to submit a budget covering the additional expenses to the Laboratory incurred by these activities.

I hope that you will be in Chicago in the not too distant future and that we may have a chance at that time to discuss this program further.

Sincerely yours,

N. Hilberry  
Deputy Director

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A. M. Brues

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